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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b form submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

The following references are not in the English language:

- CN 1316037 A
- 2) JP 08-270558

Reference 2) has an English abstract thereof attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

Please note that reference 1) is a counterpart application of U.S. Patent No. 6,547,538.

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References 1) and 2) where cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of this English language Office Action is submitted herewith. MPEP Section 609.04(a)III. second paragraph.

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Enclosures: PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b

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